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# 'COUNTRY BOYS' ARE PSL PACE-SETTERS

— Andrew Dettre —

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You'd better think again before uttering the word "provincial" with any contemptuous connotation: Newcastle and Wollongong are leading the Philips League hit parade.



Two Wollongong players celebrate one of their goals last Sunday.

Admittedly, all this after a single round but it's still pleasing to see soccer's power gradually shift to the vast hinterlands of Australia.

Wollongong's brilliant debut was particularly noteworthy: a mere two months ago they had no team, hardly any players and only a burning ambition to re-establish soccer on the Coast.

Then, in their first match, with an "unknown" team, they

humbled fellow newcomers Sydney Olympic, now tutored by the inimitable Tommy Docherty.

Newcastle's success was less unpredictable but equally impressive.

What about the others?

Marconi, the 1980 Cup winners, went down in Melbourne and promptly drew heavy flak from Rudi Gutendorf for being "unfit", a charge which only further infuriated a

club already on a cold-war footing with him.

Sydney City, solid as a rock, took delayed travel, heatwave and all other handicaps in their stride to a start which will again lead their path to the top.

Heidelberg made heavy (and hot) weather of their visit to Lambert Park; it will be interesting to see in the next few weeks whether the mild-mannered, soft Manny Poulakakis can get as much out of this talented team as did Len McKendry.

Footscray and Preston lost, as expected but Canberra's win after weeks of internal upheavals in the club came as a solace for their fans.

The attendances in the first round were fair, with Newcastle, Wollongong and South Melbourne topping the list.

• Full match stories, details on pages 6-7.

## URUS OFF

The international set down for Melbourne this week Wednesday against Nacional of Uruguay has been cancelled.

ASF secretary Brian Le Fevre called the match off on Tuesday at noon — after Nacional had failed to arrive that morning from Tokyo, because of the Qantas strike.

He said that even if it had been possible to fly Nacional in there would have been problems getting them out of the country after the match.

The Socceroos disbanded their training camp on Tuesday night and the players all returned to their clubs.



# AMPOL CUP

## SUTHERLAND v AUBURN 1-1(0-0)

The teams shared the points in a lively match which produced some moments of good entertainment for the crowd, but which also frustrated the spectators with the poor finishing.

Auburn threw themselves into attack from the outset, but gradually the Sharks worked enough attacking moves of their own to cause Auburn problems.

In fact, despite the eagerness of Auburn, they rarely threatened Mal Haynes in the Sutherland goal.

Young David Bowman, on the other hand, was called into action a number of times and acquitted himself well.

He certainly looks like another fine 'keeper to follow in the tradition of Auburn's past goalies like Hoszowski and Gisbourne.

Martinez and McDonald stood out for

Auburn, with Martinez' flashes of skill the highlight of the game.

McDonald's shot was well on its way into the net before Haynes had a sight of it, while Groome's diving header left a pleasant after-taste when the match finished.

**SUTHERLAND:** Haynes 3, Cashman 4, Webber 3, Williams 3, Donnelly 3, Groome 4, Watkins 3, Conner 3, T. Bush 4, Wilson 3, Murphy 3 (Simpson).

**AUBURN:** Bowman 4, McInerney 3, Bertram 3, Prgmelja 3, Quigley 3, McDonald 4, Thiering 3, Leak 3, Daley 3, Martinez 4, McMillan 3.

**Goals:** 0-1 McDonald (83m), 1-1 Groome (89m). **Referee:** A. Owens; **crowd:** 1,900 (double-header).

— M. Renwick.

## CROATIA v PARRAMATTA 5-0(1-0)

This was so easy for Croatia that their five goals could well have been turned into a dozen or more if they had moved out of second gear and really put some effort in when the half chances were on.

It was only in the first 10 or 15 minutes that Parramatta showed any life or spirit and it's obvious that some of their older players and some of the youngsters are just not good enough to play in a State League team.

Once Croatia gained their rhythm it was plain to see that it was going to be one-way traffic.

It started in the 24th minute when a Montgomery cross was swept home by Marcos Silva, who was not even pressured or marked.

Croatia were strolling, always creating space and completely dominant in midfield.

After the interval there were five open goals missed in the first five minutes in an orgy of careless waste by the Croatia strikers.

In the 51st minute Vidaic netted before

Czolonowski, who had a superb debut for his team, proved that apart from creating goals he has a shot like a hammer.

In the 62nd minute a 25-metre volley screamed into the net followed by a 35-metre freekick.

Parker completed the route with a goal a minute from time: which was just as well for him as he had previously missed three sitters.

**CROATIA:** Watson 3, Vidaic 4, Sterry 3, M. Kovacic 5 (Padman 87m), Dobson 3, Coleman 3, Parker 4, Czolonowski 5, Montgomery 3, Silva 4, Pagano 3.

**PARRAMATTA:** Donovan 3, McKenzie 3, Biglands 3, Bates 3, Lackey 2, Jordan 3, Roden 3 (G. Fairclough 57m), Daldon (Hynes 60m), Mitchell 3, Crawford 3, Brizuela 2.

**Goals:** 1-0 Silva (24m), 2-0 Vidaic (51m), 3-0 Czolonowski (62m), 4-0 Czolonowski (73m), 5-0 Parker (89m). **Referee:** D. Rennie; **crowd:** 2,000.

— R. Dewick

## FAIRY MEADOW v INTER MONARO 2-0(1-0)

In their initial outing in first class football, Fairy Meadow thoroughly deserved their victory over their State League opponents.

They shocked Monaro with a neat goal by Richardson after 40 seconds and it was apparent from then on that Monaro were a completely disorganised outfit, with no method and lacking considerably in fitness.

Time after time in the first half, playing simple football, Fairy Meadow exposed Monaro's weaknesses in defence and by the time the half time whistle went Fairy Meadow had created five good chances against one only from Monaro via a Valeri freekick.

Indeed, in the entire game Monaro had only three chances — two from freekicks and one from a header by Valeri

which skimmed the crossbar near the end.

The second goal was well taken by Rodney Luck and they should have scored more before the final whistle.

**FAIRY MEADOW:** Potter 3, Pasquale 3, Johnston 3, Langford 4, Chilby 4, Charnock 3, Richardson 3, (Tinney 89m), Devaney 3, Gardiner 3, Luck 4, Davis 3.

## POLONIA v AVALA 3-2(1-2)

Avala were kicking themselves after this match and they had reason to do so.

They had the game 'sewn up' at 2-0 then managed to let the eager Polonia side back into the contest.

Avala started with far more purpose and cohesion.

Polonia, on the other hand, looked decidedly disjointed.

Their midfield lacked constructive ideas and the strikers rarely threatened.

Avala took the lead after 13 minutes when Bruce Tilt beat the off-side trap and stormed in on goal.

After 20 minutes John Lembyrk made it 2-0 when Bonnici missed a cross and the ball fell nicely for the big defender to head home.

But Polonia hit back at a critical time in the match when Stan Lemanczyk followed up his own shot to put the rebound past Ahrens.

Twenty minutes into

**INTER MONARO:** Antonopoulos 3, Crawford 2, Charles 3, Noble 4, Francis 3, Falzon 2, Arquero 3, Pangalos 3, M. Valeri 4, Sheridan 3, Colbertaldo 3 (Heywood 45m).

**Goals:** 1-0 Richardson (1m), 2-0 Luck (60m). **Referee:** A. Owens; **crowd:** 2,000.

— R. Dewick

The second half the scores were level when Novak netted with a close in shot.

It was left to Jirza to put away the winner with a header from a corner to cap off a remarkable comeback by Polonia.

**POLONIA:** Bonnici 3, Harris 3, Zounis 3, R. Budini 4, Crothers 3, Noble 3, Lemanczyk 4, Maitre 3 (Sooke 50m), Wisniewski 4, Jirza 4, Nowak 4.

**AVALA:** Ahrens 2 (Wotton 65m), Lembyrk 3, Nitya 3, Sharfegger 3, Pilowski 3, Bateman 3, D. Brown 3 (Grogic 78m), Sammuels 3, Tilt 4, Djuricic 3, Karanfilovski 3.

**Goals:** 0-1 Tilt (13m), 0-2 Lembyrk (20m), 1-2 Lemanczyk (42m), 2-2 Nowak (65m), 3-3 Jirza (77m). **Referee:** R. Nelmes; **crowd:** 1,900.

— M. Renwick

# SIX CLOSE GAMES IN PACKED WEEK

— By Paul James —

With four matches hanging in the balance through postponements, the Ampol Cup still battles on in fine style.

While the PSL players complained of heat and humidity after last week's round, there has been very little grumbling from State League players about playing at night: perhaps the big boys should take a leaf out of the State's book and switch the matches to evenings, if only for a couple of months.

On Wednesday there will be two games at Barton Park, postponed from last week (see program.)

Manly and Inter Monaro do battle this week at Seymour Shaw, followed by the St. George-Parramatta clash.

Inter Monaro have disappointed in their preparations.

The team looked sluggish against Fairy Meadow last week and paid the price.

Manly, as usual, are fitter than most and full of running.

Their draw against Melita was a major upset, despite Melita officials' forebodings about their "bogey" team.

Reagan looks like being a valuable player for the Seaside, and with Geoghan and Jack in midfield, they should keep the results flowing.

We tip a comfortable Manly win.

One can only hope that Parramatta don't suffer too badly at the hands of the Saints.

Too many heavy defeats so early in the year could seriously harm the team's morale which took a heavy battering last year.

A Saints victory looks assured against what can only be described as weak opposition.

On Saturday the match of the round is definitely the Croatia versus Riverwood encounter.

Croatia fans will be eager to see their new, attacking side in action against their former idol's new team, Riverwood; the idol being Atti Abonyi.

Riverwood have been unable to get a match in the Cup so far: weather rained off their match against St. George.

This, their first match of the season, will be a severe test.

Should they come out without a point, their fans should not be too disheartened.

Abonyi has repeatedly said he will use the Ampol Cup to build his team.

Croatia's Czolonowski, Coleman, Montgomery, Silva, Marijan Kovacic and others look like premiership material.

Against them Abonyi — the maker of champions — is lining up a relatively unknown quantity.

It should be a classic match, but one can't help going for Croatia.

The Canterbury — Fairy Meadow match should also prove interesting.

Canterbury have been very quietly building their side up for the season, keeping in the shadows, so to speak.

This will be their first outing in the Cup.

Fairy Meadow on the other hand have already claimed one scalp — Monaro's.

They showed plenty of intelligence in their win, and coach Hugh Tinnev

obviously has the basis of a fine side for the First Division this year.

We wouldn't be surprised to see the South Coasters take a point from the game.

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### AMPOL CUP

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Canterbury v Bankstown 6.45pm  
St. George v Riverwood 8.30pm  
(St. George Stadium)

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Nth. Sydney Int. v Manly 6.45pm  
St. George v Parramatta 8.30pm  
(at Seymour Shaw)

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Croatia v Riverwood 6.45pm  
Canterbury v Fairy Meadow 8.30pm  
(at St. George Stadium)

### NEXT WEEK

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Melita v Wollongong 6.45pm  
Auburn v Polonia 8.30pm  
(St. George Stadium)

#### Monaro v Bankstown

Avala v Sutherland 6.45pm  
(Seymour Shaw)

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# RAMS IDEAL PREYS FOR LEOPARDS

Only one clash, Sydney against Brisbane City, will bring together in this week's round two winners from last week.

At the other end of Sydney, two losers of the first round, Marconi and Preston come to grips.

The pairings:  
**West Adelaide**  
**Blacktown**

It seems that the Hawks have started where they had left off in 1980 and could be in for a long, hot struggle.

Blacktown's defence will be tightened by Rasic as they could well travel for the single point.

Djordjevic, in the sweeper's role, could be the key figure at the rear in what looks like a low-scoring match.

Our tip: 1-1 draw.  
**Brisbane Lions**  
**Newcastle**

Unless the weather goes crazy again with high temperatures, this could well be one of the best matches of the round.

The Lions are a very solid team while Newcastle have hit a brilliant early form.

Lions defenders Bennett and Hermiston will have a handful with the Newcastle strikers especially if Mountford also joins the fold.

Our tip: Newcastle 2-1.

**Footscray**  
**Leichhardt**

The brittleness of Footscray was cruelly exposed last week and they can't expect better treatment on Sunday.

Their pleasant, attractive style isn't coupled with brio and zest which gets goals — especially as their best raider, Lujic, is absent with leave.

Leichhardt have gained a valuable goal-getter in Hughes and a polished playmaker in Kafka.

Our tip: Leichhardt 2-1.  
**Heidelberg**  
**Wollongong**

No disrespect to new chums Wolves — but everything here points to a Heidelberg win.

Unless, of course, they miss too many of their key players, such as the injured Tansey and Yzendorn and the suspect Paton and Bannon.

The Wolves, running on adrenalin, will not be overawed by the reputation of their opponents and if Campbell can find the target again with his sharp shots, they could make a match of it.

Our tip: Heidelberg 3-1.

**Olympic**  
**South Melbourne**  
Docherty's debut last week turned sour at the Wollongong Showground and here's a chance to make amends.

But it will be very difficult, indeed. South Melbourne seem to have retained all their skill and class from last year — and have possibly added to it with the signing of Stevenson.

Olympic, as almost always in the past, is a "buzzing" team, without much pattern and polish.

Our tip: South

— By Andrew Dettre —



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- Jim Kondarios (Footscray)



Olympic's Jennings (right) crosses a ball into the Wollongong goalmouth.

Melbourne 1-0.

**Marconi**  
**Preston**

In the thick of a running war with national coach Rudi Gutendorf, who has labelled them "unfit", Marconi Leopards' galaxy of stars will go flat out to make him eat his words.

Preston Rams did well against Canberra last week — and could have got a draw but for inexperience and a goalkeeping error.

Still, against a wounded Marconi, they can't realistically expect more than a noble resistance.

Our tip: Marconi 3-1.

**Canberra**  
**Adelaide City**

Canberra fans must be bracing themselves for the usual cold shower: a let-down after a good interstate win.

This is the match Canberra must win to maintain their momentum to build up their once good crowds.

Adelaide City's main hope lies in their youngsters: Melta, Villani, Mitchell and the once again fit, superbly talented Marocchi.

Our tip: 2-2 draw.

**Sydney City**  
**Brisbane City**

The Slickers, having survived a record Adelaide heat last week, will probably include Muniz in their line-up.

Brisbane City, with a valuable win under their belt, will play simple, no-nonsense football, probably relying on breakaways and the height of twin strikers Wilkinson and Kelso.

Our tip: Sydney City 3-1.



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# TEAM OF ROUND 1

McMILLAN (Heidelberg)	BYRNE (Canberra)	PEZZANO (Sydney City)	DJORDJEVIC (Blacktown)	DAVIDSON (Sth. Melb.)
ADAM (Wollongong)	SENKALSKI (Newcastle)		BUCKLEY (Newcastle)	
NYSKOHUS (Adcity)	McCLELLAND (Newcastle)		OLLERTON (Preston)	

★ ★ ★  
"That's a good one behind us," said Sydney Slickers coach Eddie Thomson as he stood gathering up his player's socks in the sauna-like box which passes for a dressing room at Adelaide's Hindmarsh Stadium last Sunday. "We were lucky to be

level at halftime, but there was an improvement in the second half when Hilton Silva came on to help out in the midfield."

★ ★ ★  
"We had been warned that Preston's ground was small and bumpy but it's pretty wide and

the pitch is superb," said George Murray, Canberra's coach. "Terry Byrne excelled in our backline. He reads the game well, uses the ball exceptionally well and is a must in defence. Preston surprised me by their apprehension in the first half. They changed after the break and if they had scored a goal

we would have been in trouble."

★ ★ ★  
Sydney City's Nello Borges received a three-week suspension for "over vigorous and clumsy" tackling — which broke the leg of Marconi's Ken Lindsay at the Charity Trophy game two weeks ago.

Newcastle manager Alan Vest: "Footscray are no easy team to play. They don't open up, show little adventure and you have to take the game to them. We did this well and could have doubled the score."

★ ★ ★  
Bob Mountford, the new Newcastle striker, is likely to be fit to play on Sunday — if manager Alan Vest finds him a spot in the team which played so well against Footscray.

Both Blacktown and Brisbane Lions played in a dark strip, one in red and the other in orange. At times it was hard to distinguish players on the field; perhaps a little thought could prevent repetitions of similar mishaps in the future.

★ ★ ★  
Rale Rasic, Blacktown manager: "We conceded a goal in extra time of the first half, then another one seven minutes from the end, when Bennett was given too much room in the goalmouth."

★ ★ ★  
Matt Carson, Lions coach: "We fell into Rasic's trap. Blacktown slowed the game down and we should have run them off the park."

★ ★ ★  
Wollongong president Laurie Kelly: "I was delighted with the turn out of the crowd, the match was a great gala occasion for soccer on the Coast."

★ ★ ★  
Wollongong coach Ken Morton: "I really expected to win but didn't think it would be so easy. This will give us great confidence for the tough weeks to come."

Tommy Docherty, Olympic's coach: "I'm always disappointed when my team loses. Still, I won't be making any rash changes in the team. It's still early days and we'll bounce back."

★ ★ ★  
Heidelberg coach Manny Poulakakis: "We should have won the game in the first half but missed our chances."

★ ★ ★  
Leichhardt coach Willie Wallace: "I'm delighted about the debut of Alan Hughes. A few more weeks and we'll have a top team."

★ ★ ★  
Heidelberg have some problems: Tansey missed Sunday's game with a tendon injury while Bannon, Yzen-doorn and Paton suffered injuries against Leichhardt.

★ ★ ★  
Jim Rooney, Heidelberg's veteran: "This match proved again that you cannot play soccer in summer heat."

★ ★ ★  
Leichhardt may make a change for Sunday, bringing in Morsello instead of Pirie to lead the attack.

★ ★ ★  
Newcastle's Neil Endacott has received a medical clearance to play again and he has been re-signed by the club. Endacott was seriously injured in a motor vehicle accident in February, 1980.

★ ★ ★  
Giant Brisbane City goalkeeper Kim Wishart is having problems with his other knee. Last season he had an operation and was very happy with the progress he was making until pre-season training started in earnest and then the other knee began to show signs of trouble. The pig lad is now sidelined and City are fortunate in having the experienced Martin Coe as a replacement.

★ ★ ★  
Rumour abounds that a prominent southern club has an interest in a young Lions star. No doubt Steven Hogg's form in the national side is attracting the notice of southern talent scouts especially those with a reputation for star-making. It will be interesting to watch moves in the weeks to come.

★ ★ ★  
Adelaide Hawks will be minus Graham Honeyman for their first home match of the season against Blacktown Demons at Hindmarsh Stadium on Sunday. Honeyman, who has a habit of running into trouble in Brisbane, will serve a one-match suspension after being sent off during last week's game against Brisbane Gladiators — the first this season in the PSL.

★ ★ ★  
Adelaide Giants coach Bob D'Ottavi: "We were unlucky out there today because we at least deserved to draw. The Slickers got two points, but only because we gave away the goal after missing so many easy scoring chances."

## PHILIPS LEAGUE TABLE

		AGGREGATE								HOME								AWAY							
		P	W	D	L	F	A	±	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P		
1	NEWCASTLE	1	1	—	—	3	—	+3	2	1	1	—	—	3	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
2	WOLLONGONG	1	1	—	—	3	1	+2	2	1	1	—	—	3	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
3	BRISBANE CITY	1	1	—	—	1	—	+1	2	1	1	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
	CANBERRA	1	1	—	—	1	—	+1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	2		
	SOUTH MELBOURNE	1	1	—	—	1	—	+1	2	1	1	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
	SYDNEY CITY	1	1	—	—	1	—	+1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	2		
7	BLACKTOWN	1	—	1	—	2	2	—	1	1	—	1	—	2	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
	BRISBANE LIONS	1	—	1	—	2	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	2	2	1		
	HEIDELBERG	1	—	1	—	2	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	2	2	1		
	LEICHHARDT	1	—	1	—	2	2	—	1	1	—	1	—	2	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
11	ADELAIDE CITY	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
12	MARCONI	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	—		
13	PRESTON	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
14	WEST ADELAIDE	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	—		
15	OLYMPICS	1	—	—	1	1	3	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	3	—		
16	FOOTSCRAY	1	—	—	1	—	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	3	—		

## PHILIPS LEAGUE 1981

	ADELAIDE GIANTS	ADELAIDE HAWKS	BLACKTOWN DEMONS	BRISBANE GLADIATORS	BRISBANE LIONS	CANBERRA ARROWS	FOOTSCRAY EAGLES	HEIDELBERG WARRIORS	LEICHHARDT STRIKERS	MARCONI LEOPARDS	MELBOURNE GUNNERS	NEWCASTLE KB	PRESTON RAMS	SYDNEY OLYMPIANS	SYDNEY SLICKERS	WOLLONGONG WOLVES
ADELAIDE GIANTS	★	30/8	19/7	31/5	5/4	7/6	5/7	15/3	2/8	1/3	16/8	17/4	17/5	21/6	0-1	3/5
ADELAIDE HAWKS	24/5	★	22/2	13/9	6/9	28/6	23/8	9/8	29/3	12/7	26/4	8/3	10/5	26/7	14/6	12/4
BLACKTOWN DEMONS	12/4	7/6	★	26/7	2-2	9/8	6/9	24/5	8/3	10/5	29/3	14/6	12/7	23/8	26/4	28/6
BRISBANE GLADIATORS	6/9	1-0	17/4	★	19/7	1/3	5/4	5/7	3/5	21/6	17/5	2/8	30/8	15/3	7/6	16/8
BRISBANE LIONS	12/7	31/5	13/9	12/4	★	26/4	24/5	23/8	14/6	9/8	28/6	22/2	29/3	10/5	26/7	8/3
CANBERRA ARROWS	22/2	15/3	3/5	14/6	2/8	★	17/4	19/7	17/5	5/7	31/5	16/8	13/9	5/4	8/3	30/8
FOOTSCRAY EAGLES	29/3	17/5	31/5	12/7	30/8	26/7	★	10/5	22/2	26/4	8/3	13/9	28/6	9/8	12/4	14/6
HEIDELBERG WARRIORS	28/6	3/5	30/8	29/3	17/5	12/4	16/8	★	13/9	26/7	14/6	31/5	8/3	26/4	12/7	22/2
LEICHHARDT STRIKERS	26/4	5/7	21/6	9/8	1/3	23/8	7/6	2-2	★	24/5	12/4	15/3	26/7	6/9	10/5	12/7
MARCONI LEOPARDS	14/6	5/4	16/8	8/3	3/5	29/3	2/8	17/4	30/8	★	13/9	17/5	22/2	19/7	28/6	31/5
MELBOURNE GUNNERS	10/5	2/8	5/7	23/8	15/3	6/9	21/6	1/3	19/7	1-0	★	5/4	9/8	7/6	24/5	17/4
NEWCASTLE KB	26/7	21/6	1/3	26/4	7/6	10/5	3-0	6/9	28/6	23/8	12/7	★	12/4	24/5	9/8	29/3
PRESTON RAMS	23/8	16/8	5/4	24/5	5/7	0-1	15/3	21/6	17/4	7/6	3/5	19/7	★	1/3	6/9	2/8
SYDNEY OLYMPIANS	8/3	17/4	17/5	28/6	16/8	12/7	3/5	2/8	31/5	12/4	22/2	30/8	14/6	★	29/3	13/9
SYDNEY SLICKERS	13/9	1/3	2/8	22/2	17/4	21/6	19/7	5/4	16/8	15/3	30/8	3/5	31/5	5/7	★	17/5
WOLLONGONG WOLVES	9/8	19/7	15/3	10/5	21/6	24/5	1/3	7/6	5/4	6/9	26/7	5/7	26/4	3-1	23/8	★

★ All dates Sundays — but some matches will be on Saturdays.

★★ April 17 is Easter Weekend — matches will be spread over April 17-20.

★★★ April 26 round and some others may be changed due to World Cup commitment.





# WEEKEND GUIDE TO PHILIPS LEAGUE



Tymsczyszyn

## ADELAIDE HAWKS

Likely squad: 1. Crook, 2. Tymsczyszyn, 3. Pillans, 4. McGachey, 5. Topaz, 6. Bozanic, 7. Boyle, 8. Manecas, 10. Honeyman, 11. McGregor, 14. Flounders, 21. Hughes, 20. Miller. Coach: B. Birch.

Sunday, 2.30pm at  
Hindmarsh

v.

## BLACKTOWN DEMONS

Likely squad: 1. James, 2. Wheatley, 3. Pollard, 4. Milovanovic, 5. Pointer, 6. Selvage, 7. Djordjevic, 8. Hormazabal, 10. O'Donnell, 11. Manning, 12. Quarmby, 13. Cuk, 20. Freeman. Coach: R. Rasic.

REFEREE: G. NEAL  
Linesmen: P. Smallmen,  
C. Barbo.



Selvage



Bennett

## BRISBANE LIONS

Likely squad: 1. Scanlan, 2. Ontong, 3. Niven, 4. Lindsay, 5. Bennett, 6. Hermiston, 7. Hogg, 8. McLean, 9. Ferris, 10. Millman, 11. McNaughton, 12. McGregor, 17. Wright, 20. Lowndes. Coach: M. Carson.

Sunday, 3pm, at  
Richlands

v

## NEWCASTLE KB

Likely squad: 1. Dando, 2. Reaney, 4. Senkalski, 5. Bertogna, 6. Drinkwater, 7. Sumner, 8. Mountford, 9. Jones, 10. Heys, 11. Buckley, 12. Mason, 13. Burrows, 15. Curran, 17. McClelland, 20. Gosling. Coach: A. Vest.

REFEREE: D. NUGENT  
Linesmen: J. Wood,  
A. Kibbler



Dando



Jovanovic

## FOOTSCRAY EAGLES

Likely squad: 1. Boland, 2. Hazabent, 3. Petrou, 4. Kyriakouleas, 5. Kondarios, 6. Jovanovic, 7. Simic, 8. Ilioski, 9. Picioane, 10. Vasic, 14. Belic, 16. O'Reilly, 17. Cozzella, 18. Milne. Coach: C. Cerkovic.

Sunday, 3pm, at  
Schintler Reserve

v.

## LEICHHARDT STRIKERS

Likely squad: 1. Woodhouse, 2. McAusland, 3. Skellern, 4. Pullen, 5. Wilson, 6. Coyne, 8. Harding, 9. Pirie, 10. Leyden, 11. O'Connor, 12. McKie, 13. Kafka, 14. Bradley, 15. Bottalico, 22. Casacchia, 23. Brown, 16. Parks. Coach: W. Wallace.

REFEREE: S. MELLINGS  
Linesmen: M. Gaut,  
D. Fokianos



Pullen



Rooney

## HEIDELBERG WARRIORS

Likely squad: 1. Olver, 2. McMillan, 3. Tansey, 4. Yzendoorn, 5. P. Bannon, 6. Selemidis, 7. Rooney, 8. Campbell, 9. Paton, 11. Bozikas, 12. Yankos, 14. Provan, 15. Taylor, 16. Cole, 17. Williams, 20. Reilly. Coach: M. Poulakakis.

Sunday, 3pm, at  
Olympic Park

v.

## WOLLONGONG WOLVES

Likely squad: 1. Preston, 2. Willis, 3. Dickinson, 4. Dunleavy, 5. Ainsworth, 6. Adam, 7. Smith, 8. Fleming, 9. Campbell, 10. Lathan, 11. Morlando, 12. Vliestra, 16. Tredinnick, 17. Harrison. Coach: K. Morton.

REFEREE: D. Yelland  
Linesmen: J. Fearn,  
S. Zoumis



Willis



Wilson

## SYDNEY OLYMPIANS

Likely squad: 1. Meier, 2. Moulis, 3. Cross, 4. Wilson, 5. Rowden, 6. Katholos, 7. Housseini, 8. Cork, 9. Gavin, 10. Scott, 11. Jennings, 14. Koussos, 16. Jamieson, 18. Laing, 20. Wilson. Coach: T. Docherty.

Sunday, 3pm, at  
Barton Park

v

## MELBOURNE GUNNERS

Likely squad: 1. Laumets, 2. V. Bannon, 3. Davidson, 4. Lutton, 5. Xanthopoulos, 6. Rogers, 7. Wright, 8. Christopoulos, 9. Cummings, 10. Evans, 11. Buljevic, 12. Kalafatis, 15. Stevenson, 16. Shirra, 20. Tsigaras. Coach: H. Margaritis.

REFEREE: H. WITSCHGE  
Linesmen: B. Fowler  
W. Lord



Stevenson



Sharne

## MARCONI LEOPARDS

Likely squad: 1. Maher, 2. Brogan, 4. Henderson, 5. Prskalo, 6. Byrne, 7. Raskopoulos, 9. Krncevic, 10. Mariani, 11. Sharne, 13. Muir, 16. Tomasich, 17. Coluso, 20. Corry. Coach: R. Blanco.

Sunday, 4.30pm at  
Marconi Stadium

v.

## PRESTON RAMS

Likely squad: 1. Kastner, 2. Rainey, 3. Beech, 4. Ollerton, 5. Higham, 6. Faulkner, 7. Cullen, 8. Flavell, 9. McMillan, 10. Petrovski, 11. Ward, 12. Cunningham, 13. Lucchesi, 14. Lesbirel. Coach: B. Edgeley.

REFEREE: G. POWER  
Linesmen: K. Small,  
M. Loupis



Ollerton



J. O'Shea

## CANBERRA ARROWS

Likely squad: 1. Wilson, 3. Stark, 4. Farrell, 5. Williams, 7. Maclaren, 8. Cole, 9. Giampaolo, 10. Valeri, 11. Brennan, 13. Brown, 16. J. O'Shea, 17. R. O'Shea, 15. Hoszowski. Coach: G. Murray.

Sunday, 4pm, at Bruce  
Stadium

v.

## ADELAIDE GIANTS

Likely squad: 1. Marshall, 2. Russell, 3. B. Nyskohus, 4. Besir, 5. Jones, 6. Dods, 8. Perin, 9. Marocchi, 10. J. Nyskohus, 11. Mitchell, 12. Northcote, 13. Melta, 16. Villani, 17. Signore, 22. Peressin. Coach: B. D'Ottavi.

REFEREE: R. MEE  
Linesmen: N. Murray,  
M. Walsh



Perin



Barnes

## SYDNEY SLICKERS

Likely squad: 1. Clarke, 3. Spanos, 4. O'Connor, 5. Bruce, 6. Murray, 7. Watson, 8. Barnes, 9. Boden, 10. Kosmina, 12. Cant, 18. Souness, 19. Trenter, 20. Pezzano. Coach: E. Thomson.

Sunday, 3pm, at  
Sydney Sports Ground

v.

## BRISBANE GLADIATORS

Likely squad: 1. Wishart, 2. Dunne, 3. Ratcliffe, 4. Tokesi, 5. Perry, 6. Gaffney, 7. Palinkas, 8. Pimblett, 9. Conner, 10. Low, 11. Caldwell, 14. Hamilton, 15. Wilkinson, 6. McVeigh, 20. Coe. Coach: G. Potter.

REFEREE: D. RENNIE  
Linesmen: B. Wilkinson  
T. Williams



Perry





# SCOREBOARD



## LEICHHARDT v HEIDELBERG 2-2 (1-1)

Leichhardt (4-3-3)

	Woodhouse (4)	
Leyden (3)	Wilson (3)	Pullen (3)
Harding (2)	McAusland (4)	Kafka (3)
Hughes (3)	Pirie (3)	O'Connor (3)
	●	
Paton (2)	Cole (2)	Bozikas (3)
Rooney (3)	Campbell (3)	Selemidis (4)
McMillan (4)	Bannon (3)	Yzendoorn (4)
	Olver (3)	Yankos (3)

Heidelberg (4-3-3)

Replacements: Provan (46m) for Bannon, K. Taylor (73m) for Yzendoorn.  
Goals: 1-0 Hughes (13m), 1-1 Cole (25m, pen.), 1-2 Bozikas (86m), 2-2 Hughes (89m).  
Referee: P. Rampley — Crowd: 4,100.

The almost unbearable humidity and lush, wet, tall, savanna-like grass made one feel the game was played in an Amazon rain forest.

Consequently, it would be unfair to draw lasting conclusions from these 90 minutes which were more a test of endurance than skill.

Still, while fresh, Heidelberg showed glimpses of their classic style based on swift wall-passes and lay-off balls.

Three times in the first 11 minutes they looked menacing — before the Strikers struck, out of the blue.

As it so often happens, a team pinned down and pressed to the wall survives some prolonged battering, then breaks out.

## LAST DITCH

Harding sent in a low freekick from the right and new chum Hughes dived to crash home a header.

The Heidelberg onslaught continued though their tightly marked Cole and Paton were denied space and time to create any real chances.

In the 25th minute Selemidis headed a corner kick onto the crossbar, the rebound was handled by a defender and Cole hammered home the penalty.

Things changed considerably in the second half.

Bannon, then Yzen-

doorn had to leave with injuries and this deprived the visitors of their true playmakers.

It also became apparent that, for some reason, Leichhardt were stronger and more competitive.

Chances fell in both goalmouths; between the 75th and 81st minutes, Leichhardt could have grabbed three goals while at the other end Bozikas shot wide, facing only Woodhouse.

The end was unexpected and dramatic.

In the 86th minute Cole's persistence near the goal allowed a loose

ball to run to Bozikas and he crashed it under the crossbar almost from the byline.

This seemed to be the end; Leichhardt visibly sagged, accepting defeat they hardly deserved.

But Wilson had other ideas. In the 87th minute he surged forward on the left, like a fresh explorer among decimated natives.

He played the ball into the centre to Hughes who turned and banged in the equaliser from 10 metres.

The draw looked fair. Heidelberg will be quite a team again while Leichhardt, once the new boys settle in fully, could become a force in 1981.

— Andrew Dettre

## NEWCASTLE v FOOTSCRAY 3-0 (3-0)

Newcastle (4-3-3)

	Dando (3)	
Reaney (4)	Drinkwater (4)	Bertogna (5)
Sumner (3)	Senkalski (5)	Buckley (4)
Heys (3)	McClelland (5)	Jones (4)
	●	
Petrou (3)	Vasic (3)	Simic (3)
Kyriakoulas (4)	Picioane (3)	Belic (3)
	Kondarios (3)	Ilioski (4)
	Boland (5)	Milne (3)

Footscray (4-4-2)

Replacements: Cozzella (45m) for Vasic, Mason (78m) for Sumner.  
Goals: 1-0 Buckley (9m), 2-0 McClelland (25m), 3-0 McClelland (31m).  
Referee: J. Reeves — Crowd: 5,619 — Cautions: Kyriakoulas, Picioane.

As though to prove their pre-season form, Newcastle romped to a scintillating win over the hapless Footscray.

Coach Alan Vest gambled by allowing young Malcolm McClelland to keep the central striking position in preference to the more experienced Bob Mountford.

Mountford is carrying a slight tendon injury — but there was no way he could have improved on McClelland's display.

The goal that really did the damage and smothered Footscray's hopes was hammered in by former Cambridge United man Ian Buckley.

He capitalised on brilliant lead-up work by Senkalski and McClelland.

In the opening minutes the Newcastle defence was all at sea.

Footscray showed enterprise and Ilioski's rasping 20-metre shot was saved by Dando — and that woke up Newcastle from their sleep.

The pace of the game in the first half raged like a tempest.

This showed that

Newcastle KB can pull those missing thousands back to their game if a continuation of this powerful, purposeful attacking play will be perpetuated.

Newcastle are looking for home crowds in excess of 7,000 and may get them in the next home match against Blacktown.

Such is the magnetism of goals...

Several chances were wasted in the second half when the action waned, understandably,

in the humid conditions. Footscray were a strange mixture: often moving forward sweetly, they lacked punch up front.

Ilioski adopted an unusual role as sweeper with the result that his skilled promptings were missing from the midfield.

Goalie Denis Boland performed brilliantly and couldn't be blamed for any of the goals.

In the final minutes of the match he denied McClelland his hat-trick: McClelland outjumped the Footscray defenders and his twisted header looked net-bound before Boland's great save.

— Myles Hay

## BRISBANE CITY v WEST ADELAIDE 2-1 (2-1)

Brisbane City (4-3-3)

	Coe (4)	
Perry (3)	Dunne (3)	Ratcliffe (4)
Gaffney (3)	Pimblett (3)	Hamilton (3)
Palinkas (3)	P. Wilkinson (4)	McVeigh (3)
	●	
Bozanic (3)	Norris (3)	Lopez (3)
Boyle (4)	McGachey (3)	Honeyman (1)
Haig (3)	Topaz (3)	Forde (2)
	Miller (3)	Tymuszczyn (3)

West Adelaide (4-3-3)

Replacements: McGregor (46m) for Forde, Kelso (60m) for McVeigh.  
Goals: 1-0 P. Wilkinson (18m), 2-0 Palinkas (41m, pen.), 2-1 Tymuszczyn (42m).  
Referee: D. Nugent (Qld.) — Crowd: 2,100 — Sent off: Honeyman — Caution: Gaffney.

Neither of the teams were at all convincing and yet, having said that, both also showed flashes of bright entertaining soccer which, if worked upon could mean success in the weeks to come.

The match started brightly and the crowd were treated to some fancy footwork in the middle of the field with Boyle, Pimblett, Hamilton and McGachey all showing they are capable of stamping their authority on any game but always there seemed to be a foot or a head in the way when the vital pass was about to be made and a surge would start towards the other end.

Just when it appeared the Westad trio were getting the upper hand City raised their own game and launched a series of raids on the Hawks goal and it became apparent that the men behind Honeyman and Co. were just a little vulnerable as ball after ball was scrambled clear none too decisively.

Gaffney picked up a pass on the right and sent over a sweet cross which Paul Wilkinson bulleted into the net with his head while Forde,

Topaz and Miller stood watching.

Now came the frantic two minutes of controversy. City surged towards the goal and forced the ball into the net amid wild enthusiasm but then it was noticed that referee Nugent was pointing to the spot.

The ball had clearly touched a hand on its netbound flight but everyone had assumed the goal would stand.

Joe Palinkas calmed the ragged nerves when

he potted the penalty.

After a halftime downpour McGregor was introduced into the attack with Honeyman moving back to centre-half.

Brisbane began to enjoy a huge percentage of possession but again the failing of pre-season matches showed itself, they just could not convert it into goals.

Kelso was introduced into the attack but the big lad is obviously still short of condition and never posed his usual threat.

Suddenly — more controversy. Honeyman got his marching orders for an incident behind play and the Hawks were left with a real uphill battle.

— Jim Binnie

## PRESTON v CANBERRA 0-1 (0-1)

Preston (4-4-2)

	Kastner (3)	
Flavell (3)	Higham (4)	Petrovski (4)
Faulkner (3)	McMillan (3)	Lucchessi (3)
	Cullen (3)	Ollerton (4)
	●	
Giampaolo (3)	Brennan (3)	McLaren (3)
Farrell (3)	J. O'Shea (4)	Cole (3)
R. O'Shea (4)	Byrne (5)	Stark (3)
	Wilson (3)	M. O'Shea (3)

Canberra (4-3-3)

Replacements: Massa (46m) for Farrell, Little (69m) for Lucchessi, Valeri (69m) for Giampaolo, Stoikos (84m) for Brown.  
Goal: R. O'Shea (23m).  
Referee: J. Fearn — Crowd: 4,000 — Caution: Petrovski.

Preston treated Canberra with the respect one would normally allocate Sydney City, Marconi or Heidelberg.

But after falling behind they realised the visitors were there for the taking and moved into the attacking gear they are renowned for.

Canberra's goal came coldly after an uneventful 20 minutes and will probably give Lou Kastner nightmares for days.

Robert O'Shea used the wind to send a freekick from wide on the left over the unchallenged 'keeper into the top right hand corner of the net.

Preston's first half fightback efforts came

from a Peter Ollerton volley following a Claude Lucchessi cross which sailed just wide.

Lucchessi himself had a shot cleared off the line by Terry Byrne after the 'keeper Richard Wilson had parried an earlier shot and was lying on the ground.

The Rams had the ball in the net early in the second half when George McMillan headed Ollerton's freekick into the net but the goal was disallowed, apparently for offside.

Lucchessi and Ollerton both had efforts off the mark before Wilson

was again drawn off his line and it was left to Mike O'Shea this time to clear Ollerton's shot off the line.

Then John Little hit the crossbar with his first touch of the ball after substituting for Lucchessi.

But for all this Preston lacked the purpose that they showed last year in the State League.

Canberra with Terry Byrne starring in his new position as sweeper, remained calm at the back and controlled the midfield despite being outnumbered four to three.

Tony Brennan and Don McLaren made a number of good runs and although the finishing was poor the signs are there that George Murray has something to work on.

The new coach expects the side to tighten up after a few games especially once Johan Massa gets match fit.

The Dutchman came on in the second half and showed some nice touches despite his gangling, almost half-hearted running in the 35 degree heat.

Preston, on the other hand, are planning more recruits to the already large squad of 19 which is hardly likely to help the players settling into a team.

— Paul Galea





# WESTFIELD SCOREBOARD

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## ADELAIDE GIANTS v SYDNEY CITY 0-1 (0-0)

Adelaide Giants (4-4-2)

Russell (4)	Jones (3)	Marshall (4)	Besir (3)	B. Nyskohus (3)
Northcote (4)	Marocchi (4)		Dods (3)	Villani (3)
	J. Nyskohus (4)		Mitchell (4)	
		●		
Boden (3)	Kosmina (5)		Murray (3)	
Watson (4)	Barnes (4)		Spanos (4)	
Bruce (4)	Gomez (4)		Cant (3)	Souness (4)
	Pezzano (5)			

Sydney Slickers (4-3-3)

Replacements: Melta (39m) for Villani, Silva (46m) for Murray, Patikas (75m) for Boden.  
Goal: 0-1 Kosmina (49m)  
Referee: R. Kerr (SA) — Crowd: 1,200 — Cautions: B. Nyskohus, Jones, Gomez.

Sydney Slickers coach Eddie Thomson played the numbers game against Adelaide Giants last Sunday and got the answer he so desperately needed — two of them. Points, that is.

He started out playing the 4-3-3 formation, a pre-conceived plan he devised in Sydney, but was not to know that the temperature would reach 43 degrees C. in Adelaide.

Now that just happened to be Adelaide's hottest day for 33 years, certainly too hot for his midfielders Murray Barnes, Joe Watson and John Spanos to carry such a heavy work-load.

So in the second half Thomson took pity on his new unacclimatised

## TWO POINTS

Scot Willie Murray by taking him off and replacing him with Hilton Silva.

Silva joined the mid-field trio as Thomson switched to 4-4-2 leaving John Kosmina and Ken Boden as his front runners.

Now, young Kosmina, although Adelaide born and bred, had not experienced such oppressive conditions, yet increased his work-rate to score the winning goal four minutes after half-time.

Kosmina's anticipation earned its reward when he smartly intercepted a slow pass back from John Besir

meant for David Jones and raced forward to belt the ball past Peter Marshall in the Giants goal.

It was harsh punishment for a simple mistake, rather like a batsman being foolishly run out within sight of his century.

But Bob D'Ottavi's boys paid the ultimate penalty for that error and for the earlier indiscretions of not accepting relatively easy scoring chances.

The Giants engineered no less than seven clear-cut scoring opportunities in the first half, but were either guilty of flagrant misses or had their attempts saved by

the acrobatic Tony Pezzano.

Diminutive Johnny Nyskohus was the most enterprising of the Adelaide strikers, but as such also was responsible for the most off-target attempts on goal.

Under-19 Socceroo David Mitchell blossomed as the game progressed and seems destined to be one of the Giants trump cards this year.

The Slickers were slick: they came for the points, wrapped them up with a single goal and let purists argue about the merits of their win for ever after.

Still, they showed that even without the injured O'Connor and the newly signed Muniz, they have an awesome array of talent at their disposal.

— Allan Crisp

## WOLLONGONG v OLYMPIC 3-1 (1-0)

Wollongong (4-3-3)

Fleming (3)	Dunleavy (3)	Preston (4)	De Graaf (4)	Dickinson (3)
Adam (4)	Tredinnick (3)		Leighton (3)	
Turner (3)	Campbell (4)		McBreen (3)	
		●		
Jennings (3)	Koussas (3)		Cork (3)	
Ziras (3)	Katholos (3)		Housseini (3)	
Laing (3)	Wilson (3)		Ankudinoff (3)	Moulis (3)
	Meier (3)			

Olympic (4-3-3)

Replacements: Fontana (70m) for Turner, Cross (80m) for Jennings.  
Goals: 1-0 McBreen (35m), 2-0 Campbell (55m), 3-0 Campbell (62m), 3-1 Moulis (79m).  
Referee: T. Boskovic — Crowd: 5,904.

The Philips League arrived in Wollongong watched by the biggest crowd on the Coast for some 10 years.

All this despite the 30 degree heat and the temptation of the beach less than 50 metres away.

The Wolves may be well pleased with their debut, whipping Tommy Docherty's Olympians.

New Zealand star Clive Campbell showed a touch of real class, scoring two gems of goals after half-time.

Campbell led the Wollongong attack superbly with probing runs and delicate touches.

Despite some signs of early nerves, Wolves set-

## GEM GOALS

tled into a good early pattern which saw them go wide from set pieces in the first 15 minutes.

Jim McBreen put the home side ahead after 35 minutes and after that they never looked back.

Wollongong dominated the midfield and fed the front runners with an ample supply of the ball.

As the minutes passed the Wolves grew stronger and more positive while Jim Preston in goal also made several brave saves.

The Wolves looked set to tear the Olympians apart but at the end, in the searing heat, eased off and conceded a consolation goal.

After their initial taste of success Wollongong are sure to pull good gates and could be very tough nuts to crack on their home ground.

As for their supporters — they already look like the best in the country.

Olympic didn't really play badly at all — just without an effective striking force.

Even their lone goal was scored by a defender, having got tired of the futile attempts of his front runners.

Once their midfield pair of Katholos and Housseini begin to click, they may see better days.

Still, the attackers will need some pepping up; no doubt coach Docherty is dreaming of the balmy days when he had such names under his care as Osgood, Tambling, McIlroy and others...

— Paul Posetti

## BLACKTOWN v BRISBANE LIONS 2-2 (1-1)

Blacktown (4-4-2)

Wheatley (3)	Pointer (4)	James (2)	Djordjevic (5)	Pollard (3)
O'Donnell (3)	Milovanovic (2)		Selvage (4)	Hormazabal (3)
	Wallace (3)		Culina (3)	
		●		
Hogg (2)	Ferris (2)		Millman (3)	Ogden (2)
Niven (4)	McLean (2)		Lindsay (3)	Ontong (3)
	Bennett (4)		Hermiston (4)	
	Lowndes (3)			

Brisbane Lions (4-4-2)

Replacements: Cuk (38) for Wallace, Burns (72) for McLean, McNaughton (77) for Hogg.  
Goals: 1-0 O'Donnell (28m, pen.), 1-1 Hogg (45m), 2-1 Hormazabal (62m), 2-2 Bennett (83m).  
Crowd: 2,138 — Referee: T. Davies — Caution: Hormazabal.

Col Bennett, the ex-Socceroo, earned a hard fought point for the Lions with a great header seven minutes from time.

With this, the PSL "draw specialists" got off to a high flying start in 1981...

For Blacktown, it was a day of disappointments.

The small crowd, despite a heavy promotion, and then the loss of a point showed on the face of their coach Rale Rasic.

However, the match could have been won by either side.

O'Donnell opened the scoring with a penalty after Branko Culina was

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brought down by the Lions' keeper.

Before Lions equalised in extra time of the first half, Lindsay missed a great opportunity from only 7 metres out following a good cross by Millman.

In the second half Blacktown forged ahead again by a great goal from Ricky Hormazabal.

Selvage beat three tackles before slipping the ball to Wheatley whose pass found Hormazabal some 25 metres from goal and his siz-

zling shot rocketed home.

Lions applied considerable pressure on the hosts before Bennett's equaliser.

The tall defender came forward and was on the right spot to rise high to beat the goalie with a well timed header after a freekick from Hormazabal.

In the closing stages Blacktown survived some anxious moments.

During those critical last few minutes McNaughton could have

snatched victory for the Lions while at the other end Culina shot just over the bar from 20 metres.

It's difficult to evaluate the chances of these two teams after a single performance: possibly because of the hot weather, both looked sluggish.

The player who really caught the eye was sweeper Jovan Djordjevic whose outstanding skills easily won him the man of the match award.

For Lions Bennett, Hermiston and Millman were the best while young Socceroo Hogg had a disappointing game and was replaced.

— Mike Renwick

## SOUTH MELBOURNE v MARCONI 1-0 (1-0)

South Melbourne (4-3-3)

Bannon (4)	Blair (3)	Laumets (3)	Xanthopoulos (4)	Davidson (5)
Stevenson (3)		Rogers (4)	Campbell (4)	
Shirra (3)		Evans (4)	Buljevic (3)	
		●		
Tomasich (2)		Krnecic (3)	Sharne (4)	
Mariani (3)		Raskopoulos (3)	Henderson (4)	
Byrne (3)	Muir (3)	Prskalo (3)	Brogan (4)	
		Maher (4)		

Marconi (4-3-3)

Replacements: Colluso (55m) for Mariani, Christopoulos (64m) for Campbell, Jankovic (73m) for Henderson.  
Goal: 1-0 A. Evans (37m).  
Referee: C. Bambridge — Crowd: about 5,000 — Cautions: Rogers, Bannon, Byrne, Muir.

A 3 o'clock kickoff was just too early for the 40 degree temperature last Sunday, and naturally all players were trying to conserve their energy for the full 90 minutes.

Marconi were favoured with the westerly breeze, but failed to apply any pressure in midfield.

Instead, it was South Melbourne who showed more initiative, and had it not been for Maher's skill Marconi could well have been in an impossible position, through shots from Rogers and Evans (twice).

It was Brogan who gave Laumets his first touch of the ball from 45 metres at the half hour.

Evans was giving Jimbo Muir a torrid time when Davidson lobbed one just over the bar, and

it was the Evans technique which broke the ice at the 37th minute from a Buljevic pass.

Raskopoulos showed great spirit after this reverse, and put Peter Brogan through in Marconi's best effort with four minutes to go before the break.

Marconi came out with that gleam in their eye, and did show what was lacking in their first half display.

Denis Coluso showed some promising touches when he replaced Mariani after 55 minutes when fresh,

Even Arthur Xanthopoulos found himself in a scoring position, but could not better Stevenson's drive which scraped the bar after a Campbell cross.

Coluso gave Laumets his most dangerous moment in one foray, and he could be considered fortunate to save his goal on that occasion.

A three goal margin would not have surprised and only Maher prevented that score line.

There is little doubt that Marconi, once boasting of great depth of reserves, is a bit

threadbare.

Degney, Jankovics and Hunter will make a big difference to them, once they rejoin the fold on a regular basis.

Sharne, so devastating on his day, wasn't used very well at all.

In fact, Marconi were hoping to win this game with their usually murderous counter-punches and wouldn't have minded had the Gunners come at them more full-bloodedly.

But they didn't and, forced to weave their own patterns, the young Marconi strikers were floundering.

Neither Krnecic nor late replacement Jankovics was in "Socceroo" form — much to the chagrin of Rudi Gutendorf, watching from the stands.

— Jock Stephen



# CLUB PATROL

**RICKY BUDINI** — who had a superb match for Polonia last week — is the remaining brother of the Budini family at Polonia since his brother BENITO moved from Sydney to live in Wollongong. One club official said last week there had been some reports mixing up the two brothers and they hope the matter is now settled.

Auburn have signed former Yugoslav and Manly player **CHARLIE PRGOMELJA**. Last week he made his debut with Auburn in the draw against Sutherland, playing in the backline.

Sutherland have taken **VIC DAL FORNO** off the transfer list. Vic was put on the list at his own request some weeks ago, but has since settled his differences with the club and decided to stay put for the year.

Sutherland have signed **NIGEL GROOME** on a two-year contract, an unusual step at the club where one year contracts are more common. Nigel is a big part of **JOHN WATKISS'** plans for the season, and is one of the few experienced players he can draw upon.

First Division club, Fairy Meadow, at present competing in the Ampol Cup, are coached by a familiar face to NSW fans: **HUGH TINNEY**. Hugh was a regular with Balgownie before the South Coast lost its last representatives in major soccer — until the Wollongong Wolves that is.

Avala were forced to play with 10 men for the last 10 minutes of their match against Polonia when **BRANKO KARAN-FILOVSKI** collided with an opponent and was slightly concussed. He recovered later, with a large collection of bruises and aches as a memento of the match.

Avala have signed up former Saints defender **AARON SHARFEGGER**. Aaron was an amateur with Saints and his move cost Avala nothing. Coach **Kaz Kulak** said he was certain Aaron could be moulded into an effective central stopper.

Auburn's first team goalkeeper is **DAVID BOWMAN**. David, son of the club's long time president **RON**, is proving he is a talented goalkeeper with some outstanding displays for the side, none the least his exhibition last week against Sutherland. Sutherland officials feel the young 'keeper kept Auburn in the match — a game they almost snatched.

Like Maurice, Sully hails from Mauritius, the former French colony off the coast of Africa, though he has lived in Australia since he was a boy.

Sully has been with the club for four years and has worked his way through reserve grade into the first team where he is proving very successful.

## RIVERWOOD SIGN THREE

Riverwood signed three fairly well-known players recently.

Wally Savor, Phil Mikas and Allan Fisher joined Riverwood for a reported total of \$10,000.

Wally left Croatia, Phil joins Riverwood from Melita while Allan comes to the club from Blacktown Demons. Noticeably, coach **Atti Abonyi** has selected three players for each department of the team: Wally is a midfielder, Phil a defender and Allan a striker of some note.

Perhaps even more importantly for Riverwood, coach Abonyi knows both Mikas and Savor, having coached them before.

Riverwood secretary **Eric Smith** said the fee had involved Mikas and Fisher primarily — Savor is on loan from Croatia for the season.

Abonyi's first sortie into the transfer market was a sudden move but Riverwood are prepared for more.

"Within the next week or so we expect Atti to let us know about two or more other possible transfers," Eric said.

"We are prepared to back his judgement," he added.

## WEBBER RETURNS

Sutherland's 'new' defender **Jimmy Webber** is in fact an 'old' Sutherland boy.

The 22-year-old defender re-joined the Sharks from Sydney City this year after an absence of five seasons.

He was among a number of youngsters who left the club in third grade to join Hakoah en masse.

Sutherland officials remember when Sutherland played Hakoah and the third grade clash was more of a Sutherland re-union than a competition encounter.

Jimmy has joined Sutherland on loan until May when he is due to go to the United States.

He will probably go back to Sydney City when he returns to Australia.

Sutherland's **MITCHEL HESFORD** is now back in training with the club after recovering from a knee operation.

**STEVE MEADES** is also expected to resume training within a couple of weeks. He was hospitalised with a shoulder injury that also required an operation.

"Polonia look like a fine team from what we saw last week," said Sutherland club secretary **LAURIE HAYNES**. "They are particularly impressed with their willingness to 'have a go' from a distance," he added. "And while they will be a team to watch, I suppose you could say that about half a dozen teams this year," Laurie said.

Auburn and **HECTOR MARTINEZ** have settled their differences and Hector has been taken off the transfer list. The brilliant Argentinian played a major role in last week's draw, again displaying his array of skills with good effect.

Polonia have appointed a technical manager to look after all details concerning the management and organizing of the first team this year. He is **GERRY CHRABOWSKI**, who will also be liaising with the press.

**CHRIS JAMES** has recently returned from the United States where he coached in several soccer camps. Before leaving for the US he was coach of Blacktown United for three years and was also

in charge of two State junior sides. Any club wishing to get in contact with Chris should ring 047-513 498.

Sutherland's **RON SCHUMANN** missed last week's match with Auburn through suspension. He still had one game to serve after being sent off in the match against Manly in the last round last year. He should be back on duty for Sutherland's next Ampol Cup game.

## SPONSOR FOR NEWCASTLE YOUNGSTERS

Newcastle's Youth Team has gained a sponsor in the form of the **Allico Steel** a major participant in the Australian construction industry with its headquarters in the Newcastle region.

At a special function held last week, the firm's general manager **Manuel Alves** announced the grant of \$8,000 to cover administrative, coaching and travelling costs for the season.

Allico has enjoyed a strong association with Newcastle KB United and welcomed the opportunity to provide assistance for a regional sporting venture.

A new youth playing strip, incorporating Allico Steel's symbol is being manufactured.

Team manager is **Alf Quill**, one of the most prolific goalscorers in Australia.

— M.H.

## MAZURKA FOR FRENCHMEN

Croatia may have lost their 'Frenchy' — Maurice Sullivan, who has retired — but Polonia have now got theirs.

In fact, they've had him for some time, Sully Maitre, their 26-year-old midfielder.

Like Maurice, Sully hails from Mauritius, the former French colony off the coast of Africa, though he has lived in Australia since he was a boy.

Sully has been with the club for four years and has worked his way through reserve grade into the first team where he is proving very successful.

## MONARO'S YEAR?

The 1981 season will be a "steady as she goes" year for Monaro with only a few changes in both the administration and playing staff.

The major change, of course, is that **Frank Maccarone**, coach for the past four seasons, has stepped down and been replaced by **Joe Arquero**.

Although he may not be well known in Sydney, Arquero is no stranger to Monaro fans and the local soccer people generally.

As a player he was one of the best midfielders ever seen in the district and for many years played alongside **Frank Maccarone** with Canberra club Juventus.

In the later stages of his playing career Arquero was in fact also coached by Maccarone and the two have been close friends ever since their playing days.

This will be Arquero's second stint as Monaro coach. He last had the side in 1976 before going back to his home country, Spain, temporarily.

Ironically he was replaced by Maccarone who has held the post ever since.

In that 1976 season, Arquero took Monaro to second place in the ACT Football League, being pipped for the title by only a goal difference by Juventus — then coached by **Frank Maccarone**.

Maccarone now holds a position on the Monaro Committee which also includes **Tony Reale**, **Mario Binutti**, **John Chiera**, **Mario Donda**, **Orazio Presutti**, **Joe Chiera**, **Paris Pangalos** and **Eddie Terribile**.

Monaro has retained most of the squad from last year on two-year contracts.

These include captain **Bob Noble**, **Nick Antonopoulos**, **Aldo Charles**, **Gerald Crawford**, **Tony Falzon**, **Luis Salgado**, **Chris O'Neill**, **Ally Link**, **Mauro Valeri** and **Ian Heywood**.

The club also acquired midfielder **Joe Arquero** 21, son of the coach, from Canberra City for a transfer fee of \$1,500 and defender **Mark Francis**, 20, also from Canberra City for a fee of \$2,000.

Another youngster to join the club is ACT representative goal-

keeper **Gino Caputo**, 19, from Belconnen United, where he was the first team goalkeeper last year.

Midfielders **Alan Bourke** and **Peter Lawler** have asked for a transfer to which the club agreed.

Bourke was placed on the market for \$5,000.

He appealed to the NSW Federation and the figure was reduced to \$4,000.

**Peter Lawler** was placed on the transfer list at his own request even though he still has a year to run on his contract.

Lawler is likely to be sold to ACT Champion Downer-Olympic.

Another player on the transfer list is midfielder-striker **Tony Morsello**, 22.

Last season Morsello was loaned to APIA. At the end of the season, Monaro placed Morsello on the transfer list for \$15,000.

The player appealed to the Federation and his transfer fee was reduced to \$13,500.

Morsello still hopes to join APIA for whom he performed very well last season.

Another Monaro player who has been training with APIA, **John Santolin**, has returned to Queanbeyan after negotiations with APIA broke down.

Monaro will not be making any more purchases for the 1981 season as it has a number of young players with the potential to make an impact in First Grade.

The club is pinning a lot of hope on 17-year-old **Ray Colbertaldo** and 18-year-old **Reg Sheridan**.

These two young strikers have been performing well in pre-season trial matches.

The club is looking to go one better than last season, when it finished fifth, and clinch a Top Four position in the competition. However, secretary **Tony Reale** concedes that it will not be easy.

"I believe that this season's Stae League will be one of the most competitive for many years. There are a lot of good teams and even the ones who always seem to struggle are improving their standard every year," he said.

— Joe Chiera

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## CANBERRA'S YOUTH WORLD CUP KIDS

The draw for the World Youth Cup will take place in Canberra on March 31.  
Girls representing the 16 finalists will be present.

Here are two more of the lovely "World Cup Kids" — with two others introduced next week.

### MEXICO

#### SOPHIE HAVILAND

Born: 11/4/69 in Boston, moved to Mexico 2 mths. old  
Height: 140 cm. Hair: Dark Brown Eyes: Brown  
School: Campbell High Grade: 7  
Languages: English, some Spanish, Tzotzil (Mayan)  
Brothers: —  
Sisters: Maya, 4  
Father born in: San Francisco, USA  
Mother born in: Chicago, USA  
Favorite other PSL team: Brisbane City  
Overseas team: America (Mexico City)  
Food: Spaghetti  
Musical Group: Police  
T.V. Show: Hart to Hart  
Other sport: Volleyball  
Likes: Dancing, maths, reading, acting  
Dislikes: Eating burnt toast, getting out of bed in a.m.  
What I want to be: Anthropologist.



### AUSTRALIA

#### CLAUDINE WEDGWOOD

Born: 7/1/72 in Perth W.A.  
Height: 135 cm. Hair: Blond Eyes: Blue  
School: Maribyrnong Grade: 4

Languages: English  
Brothers: Aaron, 12  
Sisters: Belinda-Lee, 7; Kelinda, 11  
Father born in: Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, England  
Mother born in: Udine, Italy  
Favorite other PSL team: Newcastle KB Utd.  
Overseas team: Stoke City and Udinese  
Food: Pizza  
Musical Group: Abba  
T.V. Show: Little House on the Prairie  
Other sport: Netball, swimming  
Likes: Walking with the dog (a Great Dane), reading  
Dislikes: Long car trips  
What I want to be: Teacher

Claudine, through her father, is related to Josiah Wedgwood the founder of the famous Wedgwood pottery and china company, who donate the Wedgwood Bowl to each season's PSL Player of the Year.



# Rik's 'Roos about to go to market

Stand clear: the 'Roo family is about to hit the streets.

Big Red, Rocket, Bullet, Flicka and their team-mates, together with Wef the ref and Bruce the coach (these two looking very much like well known soccer personalities) will soon flood sports stores, club-houses and grounds.

They are the creation of Rik Booth and his inventive team at ASF

Marketing — quite possibly the most imaginative soccer cartoons ever drawn up, anywhere.

The 'Roos — in the form of a wall-poster, later as stickers, emblems and transfers — are part of ASF's licensing drive to popularise the game and to

generate income for the Federation.

Booth and his artists have decided to launch these amiable little characters under the name of "Socceroos" — originally dreamt up by Sydney journalist Tony Horstead ("Hotspur") in 1973.

"We created 13 different characters, each with his own brand of skill," Rik Booth said this week. (See some samples below.)

"I believe that they will appeal to adults as much as to youngsters."

The same characters will soon appear in a children's book, published by the Sydney-based Lansdowne Press and also arranged by Rik Booth's organisation.

The Socceroos have a touch of humor about them — but they are certainly no laughing matter to Rik Booth.

"They are part of our first major marketing drive," he said.

"We are negotiating with several companies for licensing arrangements and these characters will soon appear on a range of products.

"You'll see them on bedcovers, pyjamas, cups, ashtrays, T-shirts, stationery, puzzles and other products.

"Of course, they will generate income for the ASF and that is an important aspect of the venture.

"But beyond that, they will broaden the public awareness towards soccer and plant the name "Socceroos" very firmly in minds."

Apart from the normal commercial outlets, clubs will also sell these products, acting as agents and collecting a fair commission.

ASF Marketing is also in the midst of negotiating contracts with companies for sponsorships.

Different types of logos will be sold to companies which, in turn, can use them on the soccer (or other merchandise) as "approved product."

Rik Booth expects most items to be on sale within the next five months.

Even then, it won't turn the ASF, Booth or the licensing agents, Hanna Barbera Pty.Ltd., into overnight millionaires.

"It took the VFL in Melbourne five years to generate their first \$1,000,000 in sales," he said.

"Mind you, I believe we have a far better and more imaginative product so maybe we don't have to wait that long.

So far, the development, production and printing of these dear little fellows on posters has cost about \$20,000.

However, Rik Booth is certain that they will be money-spinners for the ASF and Australian soccer in general.

"We'll have several continuous programs," he said. "In 1982 we'll issue the Soccerettes, the female versions of the Socceroos.

"In about six weeks time we'll have ready the new club badges and

emblems of the 16 Philips League clubs — some quite spectacular designs.

"Then we'll have the World Cup in 1982. So the opportunities are unlimited."

Booth's team at North Sydney has also been busy, behind the scenes, in several other projects.

They have helped four PSL clubs to clinch some very massive sponsorship deals and have tied up a number of general sponsors for the game, worth several hundred thousand dollars.

And all this just Rik Booth and his team of about four fulltime people and some of his agency's support staff.

Andrew Dettre



#### SLEEPY

Sleepy is the Goalkeeper. His real name is Leepy but when the Socceroos are attacking the opposition goal he's usually asleep in his own goal area. Wherever he is though, he's nearly always yawning. Even after he's saved the goal, and the crowd and his team cheer, all he does is smile and yawn. So the team called him Sleepy instead.



#### BIG RED

Nearly everyone is terrified of Big Red. He's the biggest member of the team. And he's got the biggest temper too. When he runs with the ball the ferocious look on his face is enough to terrify anyone.

#### BRUCE

Bruce is the Coach. He once played for Australia as a Socceroo himself. When Bruce gets angry with the team he paces around and stamps his feet. Thankfully he doesn't do anything else because even this makes the earth shake and the grandstands vibrate.



#### CAPTAIN AUSTRALIA

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AS Roma coach Nils Liedholm: "Our outstanding results this season are due to the perfect collective spirit in the team and the solid back-four in the defence."

Top Italian scorer Pruzzo: "Sometimes people criticise me, rather harshly, for my style. But I keep scoring goals. What else do they want?"

New manager of Crystal Palace, Dario Gradi, facing certain relegation with his team from the first division: "I follow the principle of my friend Dave Sexton: 'There are no problems in life, only opportunities.'"

Standard Liege coach Ernst Happel: "We have a solid enough team to win this year's UEFA Cup."

"Liam Brady has revitalised our team," says Juventus coach Trapattoni. "And that's good not just for Juve but the whole Italian first division."

Retired German international Wolfgang Overath: "Rinus Michels is probably one of the very best coaches in the world."

Leaks in World Cup

Argentina have already selected their quarters for their team in the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain: it's the Hotel Montiboli, 32 km. from the city of Alicante.

It is a rather small establishment, with 32 double rooms, a swimming pool and a spacious garden setting. The West Germans have also booked their accommodation in the cities of Coruna and Vigo.

Now the big question is: how can these two possibly know in which group they will play — when the draw won't be made until January 1982?

HONOR TO PELE

Pele will be officially declared the "Sportsman of the Century" in Paris on May 15.

He won this title in a world-wide poll conducted by the Paris sports daily "L'Equipe," finishing ahead of former sprinter Jesse Owens and retired Belgian cycling ace Eddy Merckx.

His special trophy will be handed to him at the Parc des Princes stadium of Paris before the France v Brazil international.

Belgian ace Van Moer



Belgians upset over Italian 'accounting'

Some countries have decided to lodge a protest against the accounting system of the Italian Association for the 1980 European Championships.

The series, held in Italy, never looked like a financial bonanza and the end result stayed below even the modest expectations.

But the countries resent the way the Italians have padded the organisational expenses.

The total receipts from gates and TV amounted to 118 million Belgian francs.

From this the winners Germany received less than 3 million and the Belgians 2 million.

One item in the account is 8 million francs for "insurance" — and 6 million for the "transportation of pressmen" from their hotels to the stadiums.

The Belgian Association has rejected

the account — and claim that the huge sum deducted for the local transportation of pressmen is unacceptable.

Now the various countries which took part in the series will lodge a formal and collective protest with UEFA and demand an investigation.

They will have a tough job: UEFA's president is the Italian Dr. Franchi...

FRENCH WORRIED ABOUT INJURIES

French authorities are concerned over the high number of serious injuries in their first division.

In the past four months 152 players had to be sidelined for various periods.

Some of them are serious cases, suffered by internationals.

Marius Tresor, Bordeaux's stopper, has torn muscles while Eric Pecout from Nantes, is in hospital with a fractured ankle.

Paul Bertrand-Demanes, also from Nantes, had to have a complicated cartilage operation and international striker Bernard

Lacombe is also out of action with knee problems.

Dr. Andre Boeda, medical officer of the French Association (FFF) claims that the increased speed of the modern game is a contributing factor in these injuries.

"The majority of injuries are torn muscles, fractures, Achilles-heel damages and cartilage problems," he says.

"The game has speeded up and this has increased the chance of injuries.

"Clashes for the ball and tackles are more vigorous.

"No amount of medical care can overcome these problems.

"My advice would be to the players — refrain from causing injury to their opponents."



WALLACE WORRIED

Red-haired Scottish striker Ian Wallace had a long chat about his future with Nottingham manager Brian Clough. Wallace is worried that Clough may not find room for him in the team now that Trevor Francis is back in action.

FRANZ RETURNS?

Rainer Bonhof is the 9th sweeper the West Germans have tried out in the national team since 1977 when Beckenbauer left for the USA. The 10th man in the spot may be the best — Beckenbauer, likely to be recalled for the match against Austria.

THE "MANDARINS"

Former Dutch manager Jan Zwartkruis is still optimistic about Holland's chances of getting to the World Cup finals. "We have 80 percent chance out of 100," he said, disregarding his team's recent defeats. Meanwhile the Spanish Press has renamed the Dutch — traditionally called the "Oranges" — and calls them now the "Mandarins".

VETERAN CONTINUES

Striker Volkert, 35, has played his 400th match in the Bundesliga. He is still active with Nurnberg and hopes to continue for at least two or three seasons.

MADRID SACKING

Vujadin Boskov, Real Madrid's boss, may be sacked any moment. The royal Madridians are doing rather badly in the League and Boskov has been told to pep up the team without delay — or pack his bags.

TOO GOOD, PERHAPS?

Leeds manager, Allan Clarke, says he has found two "world class" players on the Continent. "The problem is to determine whether they will fit into our team." Doesn't speak volumes for a team which can't accommodate two world class players...

MODEST BAYERN

Bayern Munchen have worked out a new formula for friendly exhibition matches in Germany: they get 70 percent of the gate takings, regardless of the total.

KEEGAN WANTED

Southampton's Kevin Keegan is in demand — in Germany. Last week Dusseldorf's president Wollner travelled to England and offered \$300,000 to Keegan for his signature.

DANIEL'S "AWARD"

The Uruguayan Press elected Argentina's sweeper Daniel Passarella as the "dirtiest" player of the recent Little World Cup — disregarding several from Italy and Uruguay who had been actually sent off...

MARINHO AT HOME

Francisco Marinho, the brilliant blond Brazilian fullback, who had a stint in the USA, is now with Sao Paulo FC. He also hopes to be recalled to the national team. Marinho was one of the best defenders of the 1978 World Cup but missed out on the 1978 team.

SCOTS IN ISRAEL

Several hundred Scottish fans are accompanying their team to Tel Aviv for the World Cup match against Israel on February 25. The tough Israeli police are bracing themselves for the invasion of the "Tartan Army" which could be more of a handful than a few thousand Arab commandos.

PAISLEY'S LAMENT

Bob Paisley, Liverpool manager, after his team's third successive defeat: "Our players are used to the notion that they just have to trot on the field and the points are awarded to them. Now we'll have to crawl out of this crisis."

TRAGIC DEATH

A prominent Argentinian player, Hugo Pena, 29, of the San Lorenzo club, died last week in Buenos Aires. He was soaking an injured foot in a bucket and, wanting to adjust his TV set, dragged himself with foot in water to the set. He was instantly electrocuted.

HARD TO PLEASE

The Belgian Anderlecht is likely to sack its Yugoslav coach Ivic. Anderlecht are in first place in the championship — yet club officials claim that the team is "only" winning — and not "enter-taining" the public.

A TRUE GENTLEMAN

Former Inter Milan and Italian star, Boninsegna, 37, now plays for a small fourth division club. Recently, before a match, he promised the referee that he'd give him a lift later in his car to the Mantova railway station. Then, during the match — Boninsegna was sent off by the referee. "I still kept my word and gave him a lift after the game," he said, "but it wasn't easy..."

HUNGARY DOWN

Hungary have lost their first two matches in Argentina, both played at Mar del Plata. First they went down 1-2 to Independiente then, by the same score, to River Plate. Against River — which had six Argentine internationals, the Hungarians scored an own goal and, at 1-2, missed a penalty.

WALKER WALKS

Switzerland's national coach Leon Walker, under heavy criticism since his team's December tour in South America, last week resigned — two months before some crucial World Cup matches by the Swiss.



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## BRIEFLY...

"Then it would have been a different story against Brazil, too."

recession and hardship.

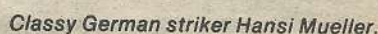
This is now the new position in the group:

	P	W	D	L	P	F	A
1. Italy	4	4	—	—	8	8	—
2. Yugoslavia	3	2	—	1	4	7	3
3. Greece	3	2	—	1	4	3	2
4. Denmark	4	1	—	3	2	5	5
5. Luxembourg	4	—	—	4	—	—	13

Colombia's national squad members packed their bags and left their World Cup training camp last week because they were dissatisfied with the premiums; they demanded twice the promised sum. Now they all face disciplinary action.

Newcastle v Sydney City 3-2  
Leichhardt v Marconi 3-2  
Olympic v Wollongong 1-0

Olympic v Blacktown (Barton Park, 1pm)  
Marconi v Sports Inst. (Marconi, 1pm)  
Canberra v Wollongong (Bruce, 12.30pm)  
Sydney City v Leichhardt (Sportsground, 1pm)



It was certainly not a great match to watch, not even a very memorable one.

However, Les' trip was not wasted, he said, as 21-year-old midfielder Sergio Melta impressed him very much and is a possibility for the national squad for the World Cup qualifying matches this year. And we haven't written off David Jones, Gary Marocchi, Johnny Nyskohus and Bobby Russell...

- West Bromwich Albion are hopeful that for next season they will regain their colored winger Laurie Cunningham, from Real Madrid as he is reportedly unhappy in Spain.

Ruud, Krol, the elegant Dutch stopper now with Napoli, is one of the most popular players in his club. One street singer paid tribute to the player when he changed an old Neapolitan song and burst into "O. Krole Mio."



# FROM THE PRESS BOX

Very well, let's suppose that we will reach the World Cup finals in 1982 — then what?

Will that lift soccer to the No. 1 spot in the Australian football sweepstakes, will it heal the traditional ailments of the game or at least, will that make the ASF rich?

One has to ask these questions, at the risk of heresy charges being hurled at our head.

One also has to ask — as we did in 1974 and 1978 — whether the immense concentration of administrative attention and capital outlay justify the effort.

The best is if we return, ever so briefly, to the heady days of 1974 when Australia did make the finals in West Germany.

The soccer fraternity was floating in euphoria, German TV crews were roaming our countryside and Federal Parliament rose to applaud the success of the Socceroos.

All that was touching stuff. Then we went to Germany, played three games without scoring a goal, came back to Australia — and the entire adventure, together with its three years of arguments and preparations, was promptly forgotten.

In fact, it was forgotten before it started: the 1974 domestic season went on throughout the World Cup finals, as if nothing happened.

Indeed, we must have been the first country ever to play our top leagues with the national team at the World Cup.

I won't dwell now on the sour postscript to the 1974 campaign: let it suffice to recall that an almighty rumpus erupted between the ASF and coach Rale Rasic, mainly about money.

Australian soccer had its greatest period of public linen washing with threats, accusations and outbursts in the Press which, eventually, led to the dismissal of Rasic.

The domestic game went on, as ever; in fact, for the rest of 1974 crowd figures showed a decline. The public, as such, was not flocking to the games to see the Heroes of Hamburg and Berlin.

The decline in attendances continued in 1975 and 1976 which, indirectly led to the foundation of the Philips League.

And this could be regarded as the only positive spin-off from the 1974 World Cup.

Then came the 1978 campaign; the effort was doubled, the financial commitment sharply increased.

The public was told that it's all well worth it: if we make the finals in Argentina, our share of the takings will more than make up for the investment.

The glamour of having a team hobnobbing with the world's best, so the theory went, would focus public attention to soccer and away from other codes of football. We'd be made.

Well, the Socceroos in 1977 failed rather badly and Argentina did not cry for us.

The considerable organisational effort and even more considerable financial outlay all went down the drain.

What's the position now?

Anywhere you talk of soccer, all you can hear is: will we make Spain in 1982?

Not whether we will win the Cup — just whether we get there at all.

As if playing in the finals would be in itself a panacea.

Chances are that if we make Spain, we will play three games, a total of 270 minutes, before being eliminated with three straight defeats or something very close to it.

But at least the ASF will share in the financial bonanza and get a large sum, possibly \$500,000 or even more, from the collective receipts and TV rights.

A large chunk of that would have to be paid out to the players and team personnel, the rest could cover the expenses of the preparation and leave a bit in reserve.

In other words — the ASF may break even, without leaving very much in the kitty for expansion or development.

## PSL RECORD

At the start of the 1981 Philips League, the "Century Club" had 11 members.

They all played 100 games or more since 1977.

The maximum possible was 104 — and Allan Maher was only one short.

This was the list up to last weekend:

Allan Maher (Marconi)	103
Gary Cole (Heidelberg)	102
Peter Sharne (Marconi)	102
Pat Bannon (Heidelberg)	101
Col Curran (Newcastle)	101
David Jones (Adelaide City)	101
John O'Shea (Canberra)	101
George Potter (Bris. City)	101
Jim Rooney (Heidelberg)	100
John Stevenson (Sth. Melb.)	100
Steve Perry (Bris. City)	100

## ADELAIDE

By Vic Migliaccio

The last minor rounds of the 1981 Ampol Cup will be staged at Hindmarsh Stadium tonight (Wednesday). In the late clash between West Adelaide Hawks and the Rothmans League Second Division select in Group 'B' a win is important if the PSL team is to qualify.

In the early match it should be a walk-over for Cumberland over the Amateur League Squad who are certain to join Adelaide City in Group 'A' as qualifiers.

Last Wednesday night Adelaide City Giants scored a 2-1 win over Para Hills. Scorers: City, Sergio Melta and Gary Marocchi, Para, Gary Williams.

In the 'B' Group Croatia made certain of a berth in the semifinal by beating the SA youth team 3-0.

The scorers were: Les Lelan, Peter Herd, Steve Caggiano. Next week the winner of Group 'A' (adcity) will play the second team of Group 'B' and vice versa. The two winners will play in the final the following week.

Former Adelaide City coach Edmund Kreft who guided the team to a creditable fourth

## 2 to 6 IN NSW FEDERATION

With Val Hokin and Emmanuel Kanna.

Sth. Sydney Districts (6th div.). After several years of relegation, this club of 34 years has received a well deserved boost, amalgamating with the Bunnerong club last month. With this combination the club now fields four junior teams, one ladies' as well as the two federation sides. Sth. Sydney's 1980 secretary, Warren McFarlane has, after many years of dedicated work (and 26 years membership) relinquished the position due to business pressures to Lou McIntyre. Warren will continue to help in the position of assistant secretary. The McIntyres have made it a real family affair with Lou's wife as Club vice-president and registrar and their son Mike playing in the U-15 team. Club stalwart and president, Nigel Bligh, continues to give his valuable services to the club. With the appointment of Hector Blanco, ex-Uruguayan, as club and first grade coach and second grade player/coach Terry Smith, this year's prospects look good. The 1980 season saw Sth. Sydney with results sometimes in the double-figure — against. But in this year's Liverpool Cup, they defeated Chullora 1-0 with a fine team goal scored by midfielder Peter Petrovski in the first half. In the second round they went down to the '80 5th div. premiers Concordia with a very respectable 0-3. Matches against Sydney Amateur League club, Joy (Feb.22) and Haberfield (March 1) have been arranged. The club will be looking to the youth in the local area on which to build for the future. If the talent of young goalkeeper, David Taunton is any indication, the future certainly looks bright in Sth. Sydney.

Canley Heights (4th div.) have appointed John Cudek (ex Concordia, the '80 premiers) as coach for this season. The majority of first and reserve grade players of last season have remained with the club such as midfielders Bobby Dalcol and Ron Cancion, forward Bobby Nutt with stopper, Neil Gray coming back after a season off with cartilage surgery, plus Steve Shaw, an old Heights junior now back with the club. The coach is still on

position in 1977 is out of work.

## VEST HITS OUT

Newcastle KB Raiders coach Alan Vest hit out at past criticism levelled against himself and his team when addressing club members at the Annual General Meeting last week.

He felt that the consistency shown by the team over the past years would have been classed as successful in every other part of the world.

But in Newcastle he had to face up to what he considered "unfair local criticism."

He said that the staging of the Australian Youth League would give the club the opportunity to blood promising youngsters, most of whom are 16-17 years old.

On this touchy subject, the team manager felt that winning the youth league without producing a young player capable of attaining top grade standard would be classed as a year of failure.

Newcastle president Harley Dixon told the meeting that 1981 was going to be another tough one in a financial sense.

Many fund raising ventures will be embarked upon, while the directors will investigate the feasibility of entering the licensed club business.

One new director Peter McNamara was elected in place of Dick Puxty, who resigned through business commitments.

The other directors are H. Dixon (president), P. Trisley (secretary), D. Jones (treasurer), D. Brown, A. R.Gow, N. Jameson, I. Thirlwell, M. Talbot.

A nominee from the Supporters' Club, namely Kevin Thompson, will also be defined "Special Director" on the board.

— Myles Hay

the look-out for several new young players and any interested goalkeepers. Clubs looking for trial matches please contact Ted McAdam (manager) on 604 4156.

Edensor Park (King Tomislav 5th div.) have selected John Jancek as coach. John has a long list of coaching credits to his name, namely: '80 coach premiers, Eastern Creek '79 ass. coach with the Marconi Club, '78 coaching under Rale Rasic, '76 coach premiers Ashcroft. Pre-season training has seen more enthusiasm than ever before with an average roll-up of 36 each night. John Jancek has picked up some valuable coaching points from his recent trip to Europe and training sessions with Zagreb. His interest goes further than seniors only: he will have regular sessions with junior coaches as well. Players are basically the same as the '80 squad with only a few new faces, namely Mano Ljelaka, ex-Sydney Croatia, a utility player and centre half, Michael Hluchel.

West Ryde Rovers (3rd div.) have appointed John Major (ex-Yagoona) as coach. Players of several years standing such as Allen Goldsworthy, Geoff Warton, Steve Mathews and goalkeeper Brian Thomas are in training along with a number of promising new players. Stalwart club worker and president, Greg Taggart, reports the club will be conducting an Invitation Cup competition on Sunday, March 15, at L.H. Waud reserve at 1pm. Matches will be 15 minutes each way with each team ensured of three games. Entry fee will cover referee fees and prize money. The Invitation Cup is open to federation and amateur clubs. Those interested please contact John Major on 533 4222 (day) or 637 9840 (night).

Campbelltown City (2nd div.) has selected Ray Byles, formerly with Melita Eagles and Revesby Rovers as first grade coach, with former City player, Ray Brooke's taking the second grade position. Jim Coles was appointed to the U-18 side. Following the 1980 A.G.M. committee positions were elected as follows: president L. Dorey; vice-president G. Baker, treasurer M. Tracey, secretary, D. Taylor. Previously fielding teams from U-12, the club has now extended the age to U-9s to play in the Sth. Districts Association in the coming season. In the '80 season, City were successful on and off the field, completing the premiership in equal 6th position and taking out the second grade championship, a commendable result for their first year in second division. With the new toilet and amenities block completed the club ended on a healthy financial note as well.

Lane Cove (2nd div.) have appointed John Bykerk (ex-Western Sub.) as coach for this season. Early pre-season training has seen quite a number of club juniors trying out. The club has appointed a senior sub-committee this year with three members being players from the senior squad plus two club members. This will encourage players to take a responsible role in the conducting of the senior squad affairs. Vince Stevens, club worker for many years, was elected president at the recent AGM.

West Holroyd (4th div.) have acquired the services of Michael Tooma as the senior coach for the new season. Mick played for West Holroyd last year and before that was a player/coach with Bonnyrigg Eagles. While West Holroyd are presently training at West Guildford Park, their home ground for this season is not yet known.

Bonnyrigg Eagles (2nd div.) are getting ready fast to take part in the Umbro Cup and for the new competition in the second division. With the new licensed Niveh club, the sponsors of the Eagles, now open and in full swing the sports management has taken a new shape for '81. The club's sports affairs in general will be managed by a committee the president of which is Emmanuel Kanna but the Federation soccer will be managed by ex-Bonnyrigg player, Dr. Ben Daoud. The senior coach S. Zorzan will continue his duties for the new season. The proximity of the Niveh club to St. Johns Park will help the after-game socials with the visiting teams.

Eastwood St. Andrews (4th div.) suffered a setback when Vic Mankin, the second grade coach suffered a broken leg in a trial game last week. He could be out for at least 10 weeks. The Eastwood Park is presently being worked on to add more efficient drainage and while this work goes on Eastwood will be using the top grounds at Eastwood Park.

West St. George are in limbo at present, awaiting a play-off against Fairfield West, the winner of which will be promoted to fourth div. The date set down is February 28 though subject to an appeal for change of date. West St. George have re-appointed Alan Piggott as the club's federation coach this season. Several of last year's players have moved interstate or are on holidays overseas, so any players interested should phone 603 1849 or report to training at Peakhurst high school, opp. Gannon Park Tues. and Thurs. from 6pm. Secretary, Jerry Evans and wife Robyn, recently became proud parents of a daughter Julie Krystal. Congratulations.

The second division Umbro Cup pre-season competition starts with Round One matches this Wednesday, at Popendetta Park when Dee Why play Mt. Druitt Town. Friday at Popendetta: Riverstone-Schofields vs Lane Cove. Sunday: Baulkham Hills v Queens Park at Ted Horwood Reserve. — Campbelltown City v Marrickville at Lynwood Park — Bonnyrigg Eagles v Liverpool Albions at Stanwell Oval and Gladesville-Hornsby v Nth. Ryde at Popendetta Park.